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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

60th Marriage Anniversary.

The Gallatin North Missourian, of date February 17, contains an account of the 60th anniversary of the marriage of Dr. John Cravens and Miss Ruhama Chapline. It will be remembered by our oldest citizens that Dr. John Cravens was the son of Dr. Joseph Cravens, who practiced medicine in this place for many years. His residence was the house immediately above the old jail, on West-Market street.

As a matter of interest to the friends and acquaintances of Dr. Cravens, we extract a part of the article from the *Missourian*. Although the Dr. was married some time before the birth of the writer of this article, we take the liberty of tendering to the happy couple our congratulations and good wishes.

Dr. Cravens was married in this county on the 15th of February, 1821, to Miss Ruhama Chapline. The wedding service was performed by the Rev. William Houston, of the M. E. Church.

The Gallatin North Missourian gives the following account of the gathering at Dr. Cravens' on the 15th of last month:

"Last Tuesday evening a large number of the relatives and friends of the Dr. and his wife repaired to his residence, one mile northwest of town, and joined with them in socially celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding day. All were royally entertained, and the Dr. was here, there and everywhere, and appeared as young and lively as any. Mrs. Cravens has been about all winter, attending to her usual household affairs, until a few days since, when she fell on the ice in the yard and is confined to her bed.

"A most magnificent and sumptuous supper was spread, prepared by the Dr.'s grand-daughter, Mrs. Thomas J. Brown, wife of our worthy Mayor.

"John Cravens was born in Virginia, October 28th, 1797, Ruhama Chapline, was born in Washington county, Md., March 26th, 1804. They were married in Rockingham county, Virginia, by Rev. William Houston, February 15th, 1821.

"They moved to Saine county, this State, in 1837, thence to this county in 1839, where they have since resided, honored, highly respected and loved by all who know them.

"The Dr. began the practice of medicine in 1820, which profession he successfully followed until during the past eight or ten years. As a successful and skilled physician and surgeon, he had no equal in this part of the State.

"In 1826 he was made a Mason, and has always since been an active, influential member of that Order.

"In 1842 he was elected a member of the County Court of this county and served 4 years.

"They have six children living, four boys and two girls. They have 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, ten of whom were present Tuesday evening. "All who were present at their wedding in 1821 are now numbered with the dead. "During the late war he was Brigade Surgeon in General Slack's Confederate brigade.

"As mementoes of the high esteem which the donors have for the aged and venerable couple, a large number of valuable presents graced the centre tables."

Going West.

The number of persons going West from Rockingham and adjoining counties is really distressing, in view of the fact that they are badly needed right here to help to develop this great old State of Virginia. It is true that many go West from here to return again after a sad experience of a season or two, and those who do so are a great gain to us, but still others, especially young men, remain away for years and that is where this outflow of our best material does us so much harm. No one who seriously reflects it appears to us would think of going West from Virginia, for almost as sure as any thing can be, but a few years will elapse ere Virginia lands will be sought for almost as energetically as are diamond and gold fields in other sections. Those who go now will miss rare chances in the near future, and whilst it may take "hard rubbing" to make "ends meet" at present, yet in a few years at most such will not be the case. Look at the following, and see what an exodus is going on:

On next Monday there will leave our county for the West, Chas. T. Shuler, Geo. R. Varner and family, Andrew McCoy and family, Pirman Neuman and family, Gilbert Koonz and family, Siran Strobe, Jos. Dovel, Alvan Strickler, Wm. Stoneberger and possibly some others. Most of them go to Nebraska and one or two to Missouri. We hope soon to see them back.—*Page Courier, 24th.*

Every day the "rush" west, particularly of the young men of the valley, increases. On Monday last an emigrant car, full to overflowing, passed down the valley, and on Tuesday the train took a number of others. Among the number we noticed S. F. and Jacob Hane, of Fishersville, Augusta county, well known in this county, who informed they were destined for Rome, Ill. On Tuesday the 1st of March, and one week later on the 8th, many others will leave. Whilst we regret the loss of so many of the youth and flower of the valley, we wish them a full fruition of their hopes and expectations.—*Spirit of the Valley.*

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J. M. Wellman expects to start West about March 10th.

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Proceedings of Circuit Court.

Judge Bird Presiding.—W. L. O. Huston's Adm'r vs. J. W. C. Huston's Adm'r; dismissed at defendants' cost.

Wm. Robinson's Curator vs. Samuel McAdams; judgment for small amount.

Herman Wise vs. B. & O. R. R. Co.; judgment for plaintiff, by consent.

Buck & Updyke vs. A. J. Wall; judgment for plaintiff.

W. A. Con vs. A. J. Armentrout; judgment for plaintiff.

Commonwealth use of Israel Mianich vs. J. A. Hammen; Jury—verdict, judgment for plaintiff.

Commonwealth use of J. D. Crawford vs. sureties of John R. Koogler, dec'd, as Sheriff; Jury—verdict, judgment for plaintiff.

M. G. Dean vs. M. D. Coffman; dismissed.

John Lincoln vs. B. and O. R. R. Co.; judgment for plaintiff by consent.

Cayuga County Bank vs. M. M. Sibert; jury; verdict for plaintiff.

Russell Coe vs. Charles Sherman; jury; verdict and judgment for plaintiff.

Same vs. Charles Hamer; judgment by the Court for the plaintiff.

S. W. Floss & Co. vs. E. L. Lambert.

R. J. Baker & Co. vs. same.

Stevenson, Rogers & Co. vs. same.

Albert Brox vs. same.

Non-suits were entered in these four cases.

J. W. Cardwell & Co. vs. J. G. Sprinkel; jury; verdict for plaintiff.

Eliza Shomo's Adm'r vs. H. J. Derror; judgment for plaintiff.

Commonwealth for use of R. W. Thurmond's Adm'r vs. J. C. Ammon's sureties; jury; verdict for plaintiff. Judgment not entered. Motion to set aside verdict.

Geo. W. Holler vs. Daniel Byerly; on appeal from County Court; judgment of the County Court reversed and new trial granted.

Commonwealth, use of Thurmond's Adm'r vs. the sureties of Y. C. Ammon, dec'd, late S. R. C. Verdict of the jury set aside and a new trial granted defendants.

Commonwealth, use of J. L. Sibert vs. D. H. Ralston, S. R. C. Judgment for defendant.

Peter Roller's Ex'or vs. J. B. Roller. Judgment for plff for part of his debt.

Z. D. Gilmore and others, sureties of Y. C. Ammon, dec'd, vs. Cyrus Pence, &c. An appeal from County Court; judgment of County Court affirmed.

Geo. W. Bonts vs. Henry Bonts' Adm'r; judgment for plff for \$75 and interest.

James M. Rhodes vs. the Commonwealth. Appeal from County Court; judgment reversed, and new trial granted, to be had in the County Court.

John D. Wood vs. Gabriel Wood's Administrator; judgment for plff for \$50 on award.

J. L. Sibert vs. W. H. Effinger; judgment for plaintiff.

J. S. Miller, for, &c., vs. Henry Zirkle. Same vs. Jacob Stoner. These two cases dismissed at the plaintiffs' costs.

Frances Layman vs. Samuel Barley; on an Interpleader; plaintiff non-suited.

Joshua Shoemaker vs. D. H. Ralston, S. R. C.; judgment for plaintiff by reason of default of a deputy.

Peter A. Koonz qualified as guardian for Fannie E. C. Koonz.

Estate of Charles A. Yancey, dec'd, committed to the Sheriff.

No family should be without "B. B. B."

A Good Appointment.

We have heard, and surely hope it is reliable, that Mr. R. R. Douthat has received the appointment as agent of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at this place, in place of J. W. Aler, whose death, under painful circumstances, occurred last week. Mr. Douthat has been the agent of the Baltimore and Ohio Express here for some time, and previously had been the Adams Express agent. He has every qualification for the place to which he has just been appointed, and the Baltimore and Ohio railroad authorities might have searched long and wide and yet not have found one who will "fill the bill" better than Bob Douthat. He is generally known to our people and has the esteem and confidence of all. We congratulate the company and our friend Douthat on this appointment.

Lent began yesterday, 2d.

About Manufactures.

Last week we referred to the operations of the Harrisonburg steam tannery as a successful manufacturing industry, and we feel inclined to pursue the subject of manufactures, in the hope that some persons may be induced to engage in the building up of other industrial enterprises in this community.

We naturally ask why have we not in Harrisonburg or vicinity more manufacturing establishments? We have an extensive iron foundry, which has been a success, that of Philo Bradley, Esq., and the reputation of whose wares extends South to the Gulf of Mexico, and North and West to New York State and the Mississippi river. If those in operation have succeeded so well, may we not conclude that others, established and operated by associated capital, will do well also? We have frequently urged this important matter upon public attention, but somehow it does not seem to strike our men of means as having anything in it. There are very few manufacturing enterprises in the North but are started and operated by associated capital. They nearly all succeed, and it may be counted a big success where, as many of them do, they pay as much as 100 per cent. upon the capital invested. Why every railroad cart that is used in the construction of our lines of railway, as well as wheelbarrows, picks, shovels, axes and other tools, are made North. Why is this? We have skilled workmen; we have timber; we have iron. Why not manufacture here? There is surely no good reason why we should not. God has blessed our land with everything with which to make ourselves prosperous and wealthy and happy, and yet we refuse to use the gifts our Father has bestowed for lack of energy, downright laziness in part, and the close-fisted meanness of those who have the means at hand but refuse to use it for the benefit of themselves and the community where they live. Does it not pay those who manufacture the railroad carts, picks, wheelbarrows, etc., that we use? Of course it does, or they would not engage in the occupation. Besides do they not get rich? Is not the North—the great manufacturing work-shop of the Union—the wealthiest part of it? What made them so? Enterprise and manufacturing. It would be a lesson to some of our old fogy friends if they would take a trip through the New England States; stop at Providence, Rhode Island; look through the great manufacturing establishments of that city. There everybody works. Every member of the family from ten years old up brings in something to help swell the family receipts and pay its expenses. Here nobody works that can evade it. They are rich while we are comparatively poor. There is a big difference in the aim of the two peoples and the difference is against us. There the great results are the effect of associated capital in manufacturing industry. Here, with all our advantages, we do not have associated capital; we have no development, no advancement, and stand idly waiting for somebody to come and utilize the advantages we refuse to touch. Such conduct is a sin before High Heaven, for it is a refusal to make use of the blessings showered upon us by the Almighty.

Here we live in a country where the finest timber abounds in endless abundance. We buy wagons, carriages, even ax-handles, spokes, felloes, hammer-handles and everything of the kind North. We have iron—the best in the world—but send it North in pig and bloom and buy manufactured bars, nails, horseshoes, and everything almost made of iron. Who gets the manufacturing profit? Not you who buy, surely.

But will these things pay? says one. They pay others, why not us? They do the work and get rich whilst we stand wondering and timidly asking, does it pay? Josh Billings once very truly remarked that "the goose found out how long he could stand on one foot by trying it." To find out if any industry will pay try it. Put your capital together and use proper energy and it will no doubt pay, and handsomely. It pays elsewhere and so it will here.

Associated capital will do wonders. Aha! You don't like it. Never been used to it. We know our people before the war never did much of that sort of thing, because the rich did not need it and the poor could not; but, dear old fogy friend, times have changed; things are not done now as they formerly were. Many who were wealthy and owned lands and slaves before the war are ranked beside the mud-sills now. Everybody lost more or less by the war. Hence he who has but a part of what he had must now combine with his neighbor who also has a portion left, and to make money for both, must unite to carry on industries. Stock companies are the most direct means to accomplish great results, and no one is rich enough to carry on a big industry alone in the South. Should there be one here and there with sufficient means following in the habits of his earlier days, or his ancestry, he is too lazy to use his wealth so as to increase it and thus help to build up the community, or indifferently prefers to keep his money locked up in bank vaults and live at his ease. The North did not grow rich that way. Nor will the South.

Arouse yourselves. Combine capital in manufacturing industries, and whilst you grow rich you also develop the place where you reside; give work to those who need it; increase the wealth of county and State, and become at a bound benefactors instead of drones.

Neuralgia, Headache, &c., cured by B. B. B.

Removed.

John S. Lewis has removed his grocery and provision store from Bank Row to the room in the new Wellman building, opposite J. L. Avis' drug store. Having enlarged his stock of goods, and having many advantages of location, he hopes to see all of his old friends and many new ones at his new place. In the way of garden seeds he says he has them all—both of his own and other seed growers. Look up John, and give him a chance to sell you some goods. He'll tote fair every time.

Excursion.

This (Thursday) morning an excursion train will leave here for Washington to carry those who wish to go to the inauguration, which takes place to-morrow, March 4. The tickets for the round trip we learn has been fixed at about \$6.00, with the privilege of remaining six days. There will no doubt be a good many persons going to Washington, and perhaps to Baltimore before they return.

Failure of an Atrocious Crime.

On Friday morning, February 18th, a servant girl in the family of Thomas L. Williamson, Esq., residing in the northern part of this county, attempted to poison the family by placing strychnine in the pitcher of milk served for breakfast. A little boy, a nephew of Mr. W., discovered there was something wrong with the milk upon tasting it, and made the fact known. Others tasted it, and, without swallowing, found that it contained something bitter, and it was set aside. Suspicion was at once aroused, and a portion of the milk sent to New Market, a couple of miles distant, where it was subjected to such tests as showed the presence of poison, probably strychnine. A little of the milk was given to a cat, which died in much agony in fifteen minutes after taking it.

Had this diabolical attempt succeeded, Mr. Williamson and family, and the family of his sister, Mrs. Walden, together with several servants, would no doubt have all been poisoned to death.

No cause can be assigned for such an atrocious act upon the part of the accused, unless it arose from some grudge unknown to Mr. Williamson toward some member of the family, produced by the reported ungovernable temper of the accused servant.

She was arrested at her home in New Market on Wednesday last, 23rd ult., by Constable E. R. Neff, of Timberville, and taken before Justices D. G. Martz and D. M. Beam, at Spartaopolis, and after examination was committed to jail in this place to await further trial.

